

A It naturally throws them out of themselves.

Q And did they fall on the floor?

A It fell on the table.

Q Then did you close the pistol again?

A No, sir.

Q You simply left it broken on the table?

A Yes, sir, with this remark: "I have no more use for it" or words to that effect.

Q Did that indicate to you,-- that examination of the barrel of the pistol, was it? --that it had not been fired off in years?

A They never spoke of it afterwards.

Q They didn't question you closely about the pistol, in other words?

A No, sir.

Q You told them, you say, that you had no more use for it; what did you mean by that?

A Simply it had been filed.

Q Oh, that was the first time you saw that the bearing upon it had been filed off?

A Yes.

BY MR. STUDER:

Q That is the first time you knew that the thing was filed off?